

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Abstract of the Disclosure

Systems and methods for managing intellectual
5 property are provided. These systems and methods may
accept new pieces of intellectual property from
creators of the intellectual property and then record
the intellectual property, control access to the
intellectual property, facilitate use and integration
10 of the intellectual property, and track information
relating to the intellectual property. Using five
basic data structures, one embodiment of the present
invention enables the tracking of IP elements (e.g., a
single idea or a new combination of ideas), IP assets
15 (e.g., one or more IP elements with recognized value),
metadata elements (e.g., supplemental information), log
elements (e.g., change information), and user records
(e.g., user information). In an implementation of the
invention, a "lab notebook page" paradigm may be used
20 to facilitate the entry of information into an IP
element.